

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A noise reducing headset comprising,  
  
a pair of earcups each having electrical elements and seated in a yoke assembly mechanically coupled by a headband enclosing a flat spring formed with a slot that runs the length of the spring accommodating electrical wires electrically interconnecting electrical elements in the earcups,  
  
each earcup having active noise reducing circuitry,  
  
each earcup including a loudspeaker driver located off center in the earcup to allow an internal cavity inside each earcup to accommodate the loudspeaker driver, a microphone and an electronic printed circuit board and one of a battery and plug assembly,  
  
one of said earcups accommodating a detachably secured plug assembly having a sensitivity switch covered by the earcup when the plug assembly is fully seated in the earcup,  
  
the other earcup having a battery door that may be opened to allow insertion and removal of the battery and covered by a yoke assembly when the headphones are worn by a user with the battery fully seated in the earcup.
2. (Original) A noise reducing headset in accordance with claim 1 and further comprising plastic covering said slot with the wires therein.

3. (Original) A noise reducing headset in accordance with claim 1 and further comprising a circumaural cushion attached to each earcup constructed and arranged to surround the ear of a user.

4 to 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A noise reducing headset ~~having~~ comprising an earcup attached to a yoke assembly ~~comprising~~, said earcup having a battery door that may be opened to allow insertion and removal of a battery and covered by said yoke assembly when the headset is worn by a user with the battery fully seated in the earcup.